

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569

By Woodson

A RESOLUTION to rename the South Knoxville Bridge over the Cumberland River on James White Parkway (State Route 158) in Knox County in honor of the late James C. Ford.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late James C. Ford of Knox County, who capably served the citizens of Knox County in numerous public capacities during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, born in Knox County on March 11, 1858, James C. Ford became a school teacher and eventually served as Superintendent of Knox County Schools from 1889 to 1897; and

WHEREAS, admitted to the bar in 1885, Mr. Ford was elected County Attorney in 1886, holding the office for four years, and also served as Clerk and Master of Chancery Court for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, operating his law practice from offices in the Deaderick Building in Knoxville, Mr. Ford continued to proudly serve his fellow citizens into the next century as he held the position of Commissioner of Elections in Knox County in 1907; and

WHEREAS, the late James C. Ford was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Knox County; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his meritorious service to the people of Knox County, this body has been requested to rename a certain bridge to permanently commemorate Mr. Ford's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the South Knoxville bridge over the Cumberland River on James White Parkway (State Route 158) in Knox County is hereby designated as the "James C. Ford Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an outstanding public servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "James C. Ford Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.